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Program Highlights African-American History at Sully

On Saturday, November 17, 2007, the Fairfax County Park Authority invites the public to celebrate 400 years of Virginia history and the founding of Jamestown through a special "Lifelines" presentation on the African-American presence at Sully Historic Site. Built in 1794, Sully was the home of Richard Bland Lee, Northern Virginia's first congressman and uncle of General Robert E. Lee. Without the presence of the enslaved African Americans, the lifestyle of the Lee family would not have been possible.

Interpretation in the main house, outbuildings and slave quarter will highlight the contributions of African-American slaves. Discover how to research and trace African-American roots at a talk by guest speaker, genealogist Karen White of the Afro-American Historical Association of Fauquier County. Activities are scheduled to run from 1 to 3 p.m., lecture at 3:30 p.m. and reception following the program.

The cost to attend this event is \$6 for adults and \$4 for children and seniors. Reservations and prepayments are required and must be submitted on or before November 14, 2007.

For more information call 703-437-1794. Sully Historic Site is located on Route 28 in Chantilly, VA. From the beltway (495) take either I66 west to Rt. 28 North or the Dulles Toll Rd. to exit 9A (Rt. 28 South).

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